

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION**

Applicants: L. Conaway et al.  
Serial Number: Unknown  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING  
BITUMEN FROM PARTICULATE SUBSTRATES  
Examiner: Unknown  
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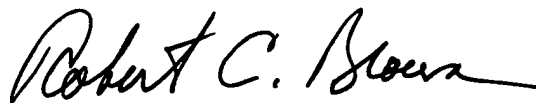
**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.102(c)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102(c) and MPEP §708.02(V) and (VI), Applicants hereby petition to have their application, filed herewith, classified as special and advanced in order of examination.

Applicants aver that their invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment by producing a solid waste byproduct that meets the Environmental Protection Agency standards for landfill materials; and that their invention will materially contribute to the development or conservation of energy resources by making commercially available known hydrocarbon deposits which are not presently useful by prior art processes, and by recovering a greater percentage of hydrocarbons from all tar sand type deposits.

No fee is due with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,



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